

To: briankey@email.unc.edu (Brian Kay)
From: cat@cityscape.co.uk (John McCafferty)
Subject: Re: gps

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>HI John,
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>I sent your note about clarifying the introduction to George Smith by email
>but have heard nothing back either. If we cannot get an additional
>statement, which sentence(s) would you wish to strike? No one would miss
>them.
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>In terms of Ladner, I have tried to delete all the inflammatory
>anti-antibody display statements. The remainder is vintage Ladner,
>unfortunately.
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>Brian

Dear Brian,

I have no wish to get heavy and start striking things that make me uncomfortable just because I happen to be editor. However as I understand it Smith tried but *failed* to get antibody display on phage working. Thus his implication of being there first is a bit naughty. Hence my reason for asking him to expand and his probable failure to comply.

Ladners references to non-public work was objectionable. Similarly I think the inclusion of details of grant proposals, (particularly ones that didn't work in his hands) is also objectionable, thus I think the sentence below should be expanded upon or removed.

"The new idea, which I dubbed "infectious antibodies" (now called phage antibodies) became a key aspect of a new grant proposal I submitted to NIH on November 1, 1988."

Regards,

John.

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